

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

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**Measures Introduced:** Seventeen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1362–1378, S. Res. 199–201, and S. Con. Res. 20.

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#### Measures Reported:

S. 1371, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014. (S. Rept. No. 113–80)

S. 1372, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014. (S. Rept. No. 113–81)

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#### Measures Passed:

**United States Intelligence Professionals Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 200, designating July 26, 2013, as “United States Intelligence Professionals Day”.

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**National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 201, designating the first Wednesday in September 2013 as “National Polycystic Kidney Disease Awareness Day” and raising awareness and understanding of polycystic kidney disease.

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#### Measures Considered:

**Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of S. 1243, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, taking action on the following motion and amendments proposed thereto:

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#### Adopted:

Collins (for Coburn) Amendment No. 1756, to require public disclosure of certain reports. **Page S5942**

Collins (for McCain) Amendment No. 1803, to prohibit the obligation or expenditure of funds made available to the Department of Transportation for cyber security until the Secretary of Transportation

submits to Congress a detailed plan describing how the funding will be allocated and for what purposes.

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Collins (for Boozman) Amendment No. 1785, to establish the Sense of the Congress that any vacancy in the position of Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency should be filled in compliance with the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998.

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Murray (for Udall (CO)/Bennet) Amendment No. 1789, to require the Federal Railroad Administration to evaluate regulations that govern the use of locomotive horns at highway-rail grade crossings.

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#### Rejected:

Toomey motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report back with such changes as may be necessary such that total budget authority provided in the bill for fiscal year 2014 is not greater than \$45,455,000,000. (By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 187), Senate tabled the motion.)

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#### Pending:

Murray (for Cardin) Modified Amendment No. 1760, to require the Secretary of Transportation to submit to Congress a report relating to the condition of lane miles and highway bridge deck.

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Coburn Amendment No. 1750, to prohibit funds from being directed to federal employees with unpaid Federal tax liability.

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Coburn Amendment No. 1751, to prohibit Federal funding of union activities by Federal employees.

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Coburn Amendment No. 1754, to prohibit Federal funds from being used to meet the matching requirements of other Federal Programs.

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Murphy Amendment No. 1783, to require the Secretary of Transportation to assess the impact on domestic employment of a waiver of the Buy America requirement for Federal-aid highway projects prior to issuing the waiver.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 4:15 p.m., on Monday, July 29, 2013, Senate resume consideration of the bill.

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**Comey Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of James B. Comey, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. **Page S5978**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, July 25, 2013, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 29, 2013. **Page S5978**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 4:30 p.m., on Monday, July 29, 2013, Senate resume consideration of the nomination with the time equally divided and controlled in the usual form; and that at 5:30 p.m., Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination. **Page S5979**

**Hirozawa Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Kent Yoshiho Hirozawa, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. **Pages S5978–79**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of James B. Comey, Jr., of Connecticut, to be Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. **Page S5979**

**Schiffer Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Nancy Jean Schiffer, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. **Page S5979**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Kent Yoshiho Hirozawa, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. **Page S5978**

**Pearce Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Mark Gaston Pearce, of New York, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. **Page S5979**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Nancy Jean Schiffer, of Maryland, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board. **Page S5979**

**Nomination Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 98 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 186), Derek Anthony West, of California, to be Associate Attorney General. **Pages S5933–37, S5987**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Vince Girdhari Chhabria, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

Matthew Frederick Leitman, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Judith Ellen Levy, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Laurie J. Michelson, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

James Maxwell Moody, Jr., of Arkansas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Arkansas.

Linda Vivienne Parker, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

Leslie E. Bains, of New York, to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation for a term expiring December 31, 2015.

Robert Michael Simon, of Maryland, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Caroline Kennedy, of New York, to be Ambassador to Japan.

Donald Lu, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania.

Robert A. Sherman, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic.

Tony Hammond, of Missouri, to be a Commissioner of the Postal Regulatory Commission for a term expiring October 14, 2018.

Marcel J. Lettre II, of Maryland, to be a Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

Routine lists in the Air Force, and Navy.

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<b>Record Votes:</b> Two record votes were taken today. (Total—187)	<b>Pages S5978–79</b>

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:57 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, July 29, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5979.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Krysta L. Harden, of Georgia, to be Deputy Secretary, and Robert Bonnie, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, both of the Department of Agriculture.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Appropriations:* Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1371, making appropriations for financial services and general government for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014; and

S. 1372, making appropriations for the Department of State, foreign operations, and related programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014.

### NOMINATIONS

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Stephen Woolman Preston, of the District of Columbia, to be General Counsel, Jon T. Rymer, of Tennessee, to be Inspector General, Susan J. Rabern, of Kansas, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management and Comptroller, and Dennis V. McGinn, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations, and Environment, who was introduced by former Senator John Warner, all of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

### WIRELINE COMMUNICATIONS

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Subcommittee on Communications, Technology, and the Internet concluded a hearing to examine the state of wireline communications, after receiving testimony from Jeff Gardner, Windstream Corporation, Little Rock, Arkansas, on behalf of the United States Telecom Association; Shirley Bloomfield, NTCA—The Rural Broadband Association, Arlington, Virginia; Jerry James, COMPTTEL, and Gigi Sohn, Public Knowledge, both of Washington, D.C.; and Larry Downes, Kensington, California.

### IMPROVING CYBER SECURITY

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving cyber security, focusing on the partnership between National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and the private sector, including S. 1353, to provide for an ongoing, voluntary public-private partnership to improve cybersecurity, and to strengthen cybersecurity research and development, workforce development and education, and public awareness and preparedness, after receiving testimony from Patrick Gallagher, Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology, and Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology; Arthur W. Coviello, Jr., EMC Corporation, Bedford, Massachusetts; Mark Clancy, The Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation, Tampa, Florida, on behalf of the American Bankers Association, Financial Services Roundtable, and Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association; and Dorothy Coleman, National Association of Manufacturers, Washington, D.C.

### NATIONAL PARK SERVICE'S SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING OPTIONS

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine supplemental funding options to support the National Park Service's efforts to address deferred maintenance and operational needs, after receiving testimony from Jonathan B. Jarvis, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Gerard Gabrys, National Park Hospitality Association, Fairfax, Virginia; Craig Obey, National Parks Conservation Association, Washington, D.C.; David MacDonald, Friends of Acadia, Bar Harbor, Maine; and Dan Puskar, Association of Partners for Public Lands, Wheaton, Maryland.

### WATER RESOURCE INFRASTRUCTURE

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power concluded a hearing to examine the issues associated with aging water resource infrastructure in the United States, after receiving testimony from Lowell Pimley, Deputy Commissioner of Operations, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; James R. Hannon, Chief of Operations and Regulatory, Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army, Department of Defense; Charles V. Stern, Specialist in Natural Resources Policy, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Charles Kiely, District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority Assistant General Manager, Washington, D.C.; and Gerald E. Galloway, University of Maryland, College Park.